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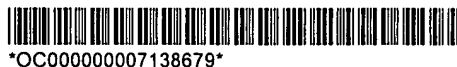
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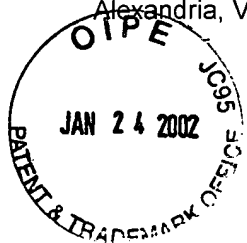
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## NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 11/26/2001 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 07/24/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The required items noted below SHOULD be filed along with any items required above. The filing date of this nonprovisional application will be the date of receipt of the items required above.

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*A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.*

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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Mark ASHBY, et al. )

Application No.: 09/859,682 )

Filed: May 18, 2001 )

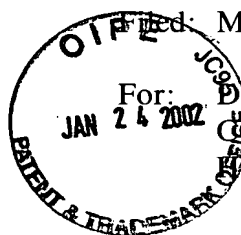
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY**

**BOX: MISSING PART**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants have received and reviewed the Notice of Incomplete Reply issued November 29, 2001, in the above-noted patent application. The Notice indicates the Declaration was unsigned. However, a Declaration signed by all five inventors was filed on November 26, 2001 with the Transmittal Letter for Missing Parts of Application. A duplicate copy of the executed Declaration is attached as well as a copy of the postcard date-stamped November 26, 2001.

Examination and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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The following was/were received in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date stamped hereon:

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**REQUEST FOR REFUND**

**BOX: MISSING PART**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the extension fee filed on January 24, 2002, in the amount of \$520.00, be refunded to Applicant and deposited in Deposit Account No. 02-4800. Applicants reply filed November 26, 2001, to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated July 24, 2001, was complete and timely filed, and therefore the Notice of Incomplete Reply was in error. Accordingly, Applicants reply to the Notice of Incomplete Reply, filed herewith, was unnecessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Enclosed is a **Response to Notice of Incomplete Reply** for the above-identified patent application.

☒ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.

☒ Also enclosed is copy of postcard date-stamped November 26, 2001

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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